

WE CLAIM:

1. A transparency adapter for use with a scanner comprising a scanner light source, a scanner platen and a scanner lid, said transparency adapter comprising:

5 a) a light table comprising a stationary light source separate from said scanner light source, said stationary light source comprising:

10 i) a light table operating state for illuminating transparent media for viewing; and

ii) a transparency adapter operating state for illuminating said transparent media while said transparent media is being scanned by said scanner, thereby creating a scanned image of said transparent media, said scanned image having an output orientation; and

15 b) at least one mounting device on said light table to hold said transparent media in an input orientation during said light table operating state.

2. The transparency adapter of claim 1, said mounting device

20 comprising at least one removable media template having a plurality of media holding locations which hold said transparent media within said

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mounting device during said light table operating state and said transparency adapter operating state.

3. The transparency adapter of claim 1 further comprising a light table platen positioned between said stationary light source and said mounting device, wherein said stationary light source, said mounting device, and said light table platen are incorporated within said scanner lid.

4. The transparency adapter of claim 3, said stationary light source further comprising:

- a) a reflector having a light-reflective surface; and
- b) at least one cold cathode, fluorescent lamp positioned between said reflector and said light table platen.

5. The transparency adapter of claim 1 further comprising a scanner template which allows said transparency adapter to rest on said scanner platen.

6. The transparency adapter of claim 1 further comprising a scanner template which allows said transparency adapter to rest on said scanner platen and a light table platen positioned between said stationary light source and said mounting device, wherein said stationary light source, said mounting device, and said light table platen are hingedly secured to said scanner template.

7. The transparency adapter of claim 6, said stationary light source further comprising:

- a) a reflector having a light-reflective surface; and
- 5 b) at least one cold cathode, fluorescent lamp positioned between said reflector and said light table platen.

8. The transparency adapter of claim 1 wherein said input orientation is the same as said output orientation.

10 9. The transparency adapter of claim 1 further comprising at least one controller operatively connected to said stationary light source, said at least one controller comprising an intensity controller to adjust the intensity of said stationary light source during said light table operating state.

15 10. The transparency adapter of claim 9, said at least one controller further comprising a state controller to disable said intensity controller during said transparency adapter operating state.

20 11. A scanner, comprising:

- a) a scanner light source;
- b) a scanner platen;
- c) a scanner lid; and

5 d) a transparency adapter within said scanner lid, said transparency adapter comprising:
 i) a light table comprising a stationary light source separate from said scanner light source, said stationary light source comprising a light table operating state for illuminating transparent media for viewing and a transparency adapter operating state for illuminating said transparent media while said transparent media is being scanned by said scanner, thereby creating a scanned image of said transparent media, said scanned image having an output orientation; and
 ii) at least one mounting device to hold said transparent media in an input orientation during said light table operating state.

10 12. The scanner of claim 11, said transparency adapter further comprising a light table platen and said stationary light source further comprising:

15 a) a reflector having a light-reflective surface; and
 b) at least one cold cathode, fluorescent lamp positioned between said reflector and said light table platen.

20 13. The scanner of claim 11, said mounting device comprising at least one removable media template having a plurality of media holding locations which hold said transparent media within said mounting device

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during said light table operating state and said transparency adapter
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operating state.

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15. The scanner of claim 11, said transparency adapter further
comprising at least one controller comprising an intensity controller to adjust
the intensity of said stationary light source during said light table operating
state.

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15. The scanner of claim 14, said at least one controller further
comprising a state controller to disable said intensity controller during said
transparency adapter operating state.

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16. The scanner of claim 11 wherein said input orientation is the
same as said output orientation.

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17. A method for scanning transparent media using a scanner
comprising a scanner light source and a scanner platen, comprising:
a) placing said transparent media on a transparency adapter
having a stationary light source that is separate from said scanner light
source;
b) utilizing said transparency adapter to orient said transparent
media to an input orientation;
c) directly transferring said input orientation to said scanner platen
by closing said transparency adapter; and

d) scanning said transparent media to obtain a scanned image with an output orientation while said stationary light source illuminates said transparent media, wherein said output orientation is the same as said input orientation.